Memorandum of Workers of Assam Petrochemicals Ltd.

3028. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers union of Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. has requested Government to supply gas at Rs. 600.00 per 1000 S M' for the survival of the industry by lowering the cost of production of methane;

(b) whether this rate has already been agreed with Gas Cracker Unit *i.e.* with Reliance Ltd.; and

(c) whether Government have decided favourably as per memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the importance and scale of the Project, the Government had agreed in 1994 to the special rate of Rs. 600 per thousand cubic metres of natural gas for the Assam Gas Cracker Project.

(c) No, Sir.

Estimated Cost of Guru Govind Singh Oil Refinery

3029. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated cost likely to be incuned in setting up of Guru Govind Singh Oil Refinery in Punjab; and

(b) the amount spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Approved estimated cost of grassroot refinery, alongwith associated facilities, at Bhatinda in Punjab is Rs. 9806 crores at June, 1998 prices.

(b) An amount of Rs. 94.25 crores has been spent on this project as on March, 2000.